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Filed: January 7, 1997)	
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For: CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION)	
PRECIPITATION SILICA, METHODS)	
OF PREPARATION AND)	
UTILISATION OF SAID SUSPENSION)	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
AND SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

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Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, and further to the Request for Suspension of Action filed November 22, 2000 and the Communication from Examiner Hendrickson mailed February 1, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

31. (three times amended) A method for the preparation of an aqueous suspension of precipitated silica, having a solids content between 10 and 40% by weight, a viscosity lower than 4×10^{-2} Pa.s at a shear rate of 50 s^{-1} and wherein the amount of silica present in the supernatant obtained after centrifuging said suspension at 7500 revolutions per minute

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